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TO: The Construction Code Commission

FROM: Irvin J. Poke, Chief, Plan Review Division

SUBJECT: Interpretation Request

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Irvin J. Poke", written over the "FROM:" line of the letterhead.

Question: Is the interior elevated landing, created by the sloping floor in a theatre, at an exit door required to have barrier free access.

Answer: No.

Commentary: The subject landing is an exit stair landing and is subject to the requirements of exit stairs. The barrier free design rules mandates access to buildings and their facilities, but does not require access to exit stairs and the appurtenant landings.

Section 512.1 of the rules governs the applicability of barrier free design requirements and states, in part:

"Where required, the provision of this rule shall apply to and throughout...use groups A, B, E, F, I, M, R and S used by the public..."

The key phrase is "where required". The rules do not address access of exit stair landings, therefore it does not require that they have barrier free access.

Section 512.5 Building approaches address the requirements of building approaches specifically and does not set any requirements for access to stair landings or egress from a building. Therefore this would not require the subject stair landing to have barrier free access.

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Section 512.7.3 states in part, "Interior barrier free routes...shall be provided to all levels of all building areas as required by section 512.1." Section 512.1 states in part, "Where required..." and there are no provisions for access to a stair landing, thus access to the subject landing is not required.

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